DERRYVEAGH EVICTIONS.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 18 April 1861;—*for*,

COPY "of all REQUISITIONS, REPORTS, NOTICES, and CORRESPONDENCE from or to the Sheriff or Sub-sheriff of the County of *Donegal*, and from or to any Resident Magistrate, Officer of Constabulary, or Relieving Officer, and from or to the Chief or Under Secretary for *Ireland*, with reference to a recent EJECTMENT of the LANDS of *Derryveagh*, in that County."

(*Mr. Scully.*)

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— No. 1. —

COPY of CORRESPONDENCE with the Chief or Under Secretary for Ireland, with reference to a recent EJECTMENT of the LANDS of *Derryveagh*, County of *Donegal*.

The Under Secretary to *J. G. Adair*, Esq.

Sir, Dublin Castle, 2 February 1861.

I AM directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit herewith copy of a Police Report, which has been received through the Inspector General of Constabulary, relative to affording protection to your herd; also a copy of the Constabulary Code, containing the conditions on which police protection is supplied in private houses; and I am desired to state that his Excellency apprehends there must be some mistake in the case, and that it will be necessary that the men be accommodated in conformity with the regulations, and 1 *s.* per night paid for each man so long as you wish the post to be retained.

I am, &c.
(signed) *Thos. A. Larcom.*

John George Adair, Esq., J.P.,
Glenveagh, Letterkenny.

COUNTY of DONEGAL.

Letterkenny, 24 January 1861.

IN reference to file 29, November 1860, I beg to state, that I have made inquiry, and have reason to apprehend that Dougald Rankin's (Mr. Adair's herd at Glenveagh) life would be in danger, should the protection of the police be withdrawn from him. I beg to annex a copy of an information sworn by Rankin on the 30th ultimo, before John Stewart, Esq., J.P., at Gartan, by which it appears he has reason to apprehend that violence would be used towards him if he had not the protection of the police.

I have only to add, that the party stationed at Mr. Adair's cottage are constantly complaining of having no firing, and informed me that Mr. Adair told them he would supply them with none, which, I think, is the very least he should do, as they are protecting his servants and property, and for which he pays nothing.

(signed) *John Corr*,
2 S. I. C.

J. Macmahon, Esq., County Inspector.

COUNTY of DONEGAL.

Glenveagh Cottage, 24 December 1861.

I BEG to state, that I and three sub-constables have been sent here for the protection of Mr. Adair's property and servants. Since we came here we have endured great hardship, cutting timber for fuel, and we are allowed none. I spoke to Mr. Adair on the 20th instant to provide us with fuel and light, which he declined to give us. He has also refused to allow us to cut timber. It is, therefore, impossible for us to do without fire; have to patrol the mountains during the day, and return at night to a damp cold house, with our clothing wet, ourselves fatigued from cold and want of food, having no fire to cook our victuals or dry our clothing. Under these circumstances, I hope the county inspector will call on Mr. Adair to provide us with fuel and light agreeable to section 1031 of the Code, or have our grievances redressed.

(signed) *James M'Lain*, Constable.

(Submitted.)
John Corr, 26 December 1860.

J. Macmahon, Esq.

Letterkenny, 28 December 1860.

RETURNED to the Sub Inspector for report. With reference to file above quoted, in the event of the party being withdrawn from Glenveagh Lodge, do you consider Dugald Rankin, Mr. Adair's present manager, would be in danger?

(signed) *J. Macmahon*, C.I.

Sub Inspector Corr.

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INFORMATION.

Petty Sessions, District of Church Hill,
County of Donegal.

THE information of Dugald Rankin, of Glenveigh, who saith on oath, that I am shepherd to John G. Adair, Esq., at Glenveigh, and employed taking care of his sheep. I knew the late James Murray; he was caretaker for Mr. Adair, at Glenveigh; he was found murdered in the mountains on the 15th day of November last. I gave evidence touching his murder, and lodged informations against certain parties, whom I believed to be concerned in his murder. For doing this, I believe my life is in danger. I have been told by respectable persons to leave the employment of Mr. Adair, and go home, or I would lose my life, or words to that effect. I have, therefore, reason to believe my life to be in danger.

Taken before me this 30th day of December 1860, at Loughveigh, in the said county.

(signed) *John Stewart*, J. P.

(Copy.)
(signed) *R. Pearson*,
Clerk of Petty Sessions.

POLICE PROTECTION.

Conditions.

WHEN persons receive such protection, they will be required to provide the men with lodging, bedding, and fuel, and to pay for each man a sum not exceeding 1 *s.* per night, unless otherwise directed by Government. Men employed at this duty will be subject to the officer of the district in which they are placed, and to all the regulations of the force.

J. G. Adair, Esq., to the Under Secretary.

Bellegrove, Ballybrittas, 8 February 1861.

Sir,

YOUR communication of the 2d has been forwarded to me here, together with copies constabulary reports. In reply, I beg to state, for the information of his Excellency, that from the first I have directed the men stationed at Glenveagh Lodge to be supplied with the same fuel as my own servants; I can get no better within eight miles. I have not prevented them cutting wood, as may be seen from the great number of trees cut. The murder of my steward has been followed by a series of outrages. The Rev. Mr. Maturin's offices, with whom I was a guest, were burned down; upward of 100 of my sheep have been maliciously made away with; and inasmuch as I am now having ejectments served on the inhabitants of the district in which these crimes have been committed, I have the fullest conviction that still further crimes will be perpetrated, if not guarded against.

The affidavit of Dugald Rankin, my shepherd, a Crown witness, you have before you. I am prepared to make a similar one from my own information. Under these circumstances, I think I am entitled to demand from the Government protection for the lives of my servant and my property.

I refuse to pay for the police required for this duty. I leave to the Government the responsibility of withdrawing that protection; and this distinct declaration, that I am prepared to make oath, that I believe that, over a district of 90 square miles, my property, neither I nor any servant of mine could stand unarmed without the certainty of injury, and no property unguarded without the certainty of destruction, and that this is the general opinion of those best informed in the district.

This state of things has not been brought about by any act of mine, no tenant having been ever evicted by me; no mountain commonage taken from the people.

I desire to add, that in the steps I am now taking I shall be a large pecuniary loser, fully 200 *l.* per annum for several years, as the lands from which these people are evicted must remain waste.

That in the increased number and wages of my servants, consequent on this state of things, I am a loser to an equal extent.

That these crimes have prevented my letting my mountain property, for which, to

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to a large extent, parties were actually in treaty; and I am compelled to pay income tax for this.

The course I have taken is dictated solely by a sense of duty. I incur personal risk, pecuniary loss, and popular odium.

I must leave it to the Government and the public to consider whether this state of things is creditable, and whether I am to be compelled to go back to the first stage of society, to defend my own property and life by my own armed retainers.

I have, &c.
(signed) *John G. Adair.*

The Under Secretary,
the Castle.

The Under Secretary to *J. G. Adair*, Esq.

Dublin Castle, 12 February 1861.

Sir,

Having laid before the Lord Lieutenant your letter of the 8th instant, relating to the protection to your herd, I am directed to observe, that while his Excellency does not question your perfect right to dispose of your property, and the tenants which occupy it, in such way as you may be authorised by law to do, his Excellency nevertheless feels it his duty to call your attention to the very serious responsibility which will attach to so extensive an operation as you appear to contemplate, by the simultaneous eviction of 50 families from their buildings, and to the results which may arise from its being carried into effect.

In regard to the police protection party now in your Lodge at Glenveagh for the safety of Dugald Rankin, the herd, I am directed to state, that, as a Crown witness, his Excellency is prepared to direct his support in the nearest constabulary barrack; and that as it is for your own service alone that he remains in the lodge, his Excellency trusts you will feel that there is no ground for exempting you from the payment of the established quota of the expense.

I am, &c.
(signed) *Thomas A. Larcom.*

John G. Adair, Esq.
Bellegrove, Ballytrittas.

Report from *J. Considine*, Esq., R.M.

Londonderry, 14 February 1861.

I beg to submit the annexed file of papers for instructions (Glenveagh being outside my district), respecting which, and in reply, I have written to Sub-Inspector Corr this day.

(signed) *J. Considine*, R.M.

County of Donegal.

Letterkenny, 11 February 1861.

I have to inform you that Mr. Adair is to serve ejectments on all the Derryveagh tenants, say about 50 families, some day this or next week; and as there may be a serious breach of the peace on the occasion, may I request to know if you would attend by getting due notice of the day; in the absence of Mr. Dillon; I can have 40 men for this duty, or more if you think it necessary. I beg to forward you a copy of an information lodged by Mr. Adair before the Inspector General on this subject.

(sgned) *John Corr*,
2 S. I. C.

J. Considine, Esq., R.M.

P. S.—Please let me hear from you in reply to this communication as soon as possible.

County of Donegal to wit.

John J. Adair, of Glenveagh, in the county of Donegal, Esquire, came before me, Henry Walker Thompson, Esq., Assistant Inspector General of Constabulary, and a justice of the peace for Ireland, and made oath as follows: that informant is about to serve occupiers on the Derryveagh Estate, in the county of Donegal, with ejectments, and that he believes

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believes the life of the bailiff who will be employed to serve same will be in danger if he is not protected or accompanied by a party of police, and that such notices will be served during the present week.

Sworn before me, this 4th day of February, in the year 1861, at the Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle.

(signed) *H. W. Thompson,*
J. P. for Ireland at large.

(signed) *John G. Adair.*

REPORT from *J. Considine,* Esq., R. M.

Londonderry, 16 February 1861.

I BEG to state, I attended with Sub-Inspector Corr and party of the constabulary at Glenveagh on yesterday, the 15th instant, agreeably with the annexed requisition and instructions. The ejectment copies were served by Mr. Adair's gamekeeper, Kerr, without the least hindrance being offered by the tenantry.

(signed) *Jas. Considine,* R. M.

J. G. Adair, Esq., to the Under Secretary.

Sir,

I AM in receipt of yours of the 12th instant, and beg to state, for the information of his Excellency, that I was informed and understood the police were placed at Glenveagh, in consequence of the murder of my manager, the destruction of my sheep, and the attempt to burn out myself, for the protection of the remaining servants and property, under the circumstances a duty, as it seems to me, of Government.

Dugald Rankin, my herd, can perhaps be seduced or compelled to leave his duties and my service, and to remain at the nearest police station five and a half miles away; but whether this course would be creditable or expedient, it is for you to consider.

Should Government fail in their duty to protect my property and the lives of my servants, warned as they are, I must only take all the steps in my power to do so; but I must decline to pay Government for that duty, and I leave to them the responsibility of withdrawing a legitimate protection.

I beg you will convey to his Excellency, that it is with the deepest pain and regret I have most reluctantly come to the resolution to evict the people of Derryveagh, a resolution which I some time ago communicated to you.

It is one involving great risk, suffering, odium, and loss, and which I would most gladly relinquish, could I have any guarantee or hope from Government or the legitimate authorities for the protection of my life, my servants, or my property; but I must recall to his Excellency's memory, that, in addition to the crimes above enumerated, a previous proprietor of my estate (Mr. Marshall), was a few years ago murdered; that I was myself attacked by an armed party on the very spot where my manager was murdered; that upwards of 600 of my sheep have been destroyed; and that in not one single instance have the perpetrators been brought to justice, or their guilty intentions frustrated by the action of Government.

I have not evicted a tenant; I have taken no mountain commonage from the people; and I have not heard one single complaint against me as a landlord. I cannot suppose that his Excellency would advise that I should subject myself, my servants, or my property, to a repetition of these crimes, by leaving things as they are: he would surely not suggest that I should abandon my property to these people.

Law establishes the principle, in cases of malicious injury to property, that the district be made responsible; does the addition of murder do away with the responsibility?

I request you will assure his Excellency that I would with heartfelt pleasure abandon my intention of evicting these people could the Government suggest to me

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me any other means of safety for myself or my servants, or could they assure me of that protection which I believe it is their first duty to afford, and which hitherto they have so entirely failed in doing—failed with such sad consequences. But in the absence of this, I cannot hesitate to do at any risk and cost what their failure and the state of the country makes my duty to myself and to society.

I have, &c.
(signed) *John G. Adair.*

Bellegrove, Ballyhrittas, 16 February 1861.

THE Under Secretary to *J. G. Adair*, Esq.

Sir, Dublin Castle, 18 February 1861.

REFERRING to your letter of the 16th instant, relating to the protection required for your servants and property at Glenveigh, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you, that your communication has been forwarded to Mr. Dillon, R. M., with instructions that it may be laid before the magistrates at Church-hill, requesting their consideration of the number of men the state of the district may require for its protection, and the district on which they recommend that the charge should be levied.

I am, &c.
(signed) *Thos. A. Larcom.*

John G. Adair, Esq.,
Bellegrove, Ballybrittas.

T. A. Dillon, Esq., R. M., to the Under Secretary.

County of Donegal,
Letterkenny, 17 March 1861.

I HAVE heard that Mr. Adair has intimated to the sub-sheriff of this county that he purposes putting out, some time within the next 10 days, about 50 families from out of the lands of Derryveagh, near where James Murray was murdered, and that the sheriff intends calling upon me and a very large force of police to protect him while evicting those people, and giving Mr. Adair possession: I have also been informed that all the houses on the lands in question are to be thrown down by the sheriff and his assistants.

May I beg to be informed if it is my duty, and that of the police, to stand by and give protection whilst the houses are being levelled.

To the Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle.

(signed) *Theobald A. Dillon*, R. M.

T. A. Dillon, Esq., R. M., to the Under Secretary.

County of Donegal,
Letterkenny, 23 March 1861.

IN returning the annexed file, I have to report, for the information of the Lord Lieutenant, that I attended the assizes at Lifford, and met there the different magistrates who were the owners of property adjoining the Glenveagh district. I also attended the Church-hill petty sessions on the 14th instant: I there met Mr. Stewart, J. P., and Mr. Chambers, J. P., and we agreed that I should write and name a day to the different proprietors to meet at Letterkenny on this day. I also wrote a letter to Mr. Adair, J. P., and a circular to the different magistrates, copies of which I send; also copy of the resolutions passed by them, to which Mr. Adair has protested; he denied in the strongest manner that he ever asked for an extra force of police, and that he looks to the Government for the protection of the lives of his servants, and that he considers it is the duty of the Government

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Government to protect his property also without his paying for it; in fact he was very stiff, and hinted that if he did not get the protection so required, that the case would be brought before Parliament. The county inspector and sub-inspector attended the meeting; the former satisfactorily replied to any questions as to the police force put to him by the magistrates.

(signed) *Theobald A. Dillon*, R.M.

The Under Secretary, &c. &c. &c.,
Castle, Dublin.

Letterkenny, 15 March 1861.

Sir,

Your official communication to the Under Secretary, dated 16th ultimo, has, by his Excellency's order, been sent to me to lay before the Church-hill magistrates, for the purpose of ascertaining their opinion as to the number of police the state of the Glenveagh locality may require for the protection of your property and the lives of your servants, and the district on which they recommend that the expense or charge thus incurred should be levied. Having attended the Church-hill petty sessions on yesterday, and met there Mr. Stewart and Mr. Chambers, justices of the peace, they requested that I should write to the different landlords who had property adjoining or near your locality, requesting their attendance at the court-house at Letterkenny, at 12 o'clock, on Saturday, the 23d instant, for the purpose of considering and replying to the communication from Government on this subject, which I shall then lay before them. I give you this early intimation, in order that, should you deem fit, you may be pleased to attend this meeting; and am,

Sir, &c.

(signed) *T. A. Dillon*, R.M.

John G. Adair, Esq.,
Bellegrove, Ballybrittas.

Letterkenny, 15 March 1861.

Sir,

An application having been made by Mr. Adair to the Lord Lieutenant for police protection of his Glenveagh property, and the lives of his servants living there, that application has been sent me through the Under Secretary, for the purpose of laying it before the Church-hill magistrates, to ascertain their view of the number of police the state of that district may require for its protection, and the district on which they recommend that the charge be levied. I attended accordingly at the petty sessions at Church-hill on yesterday, and there met Mr. Stewart of Gartan, and Mr. Chambers of Forhall, justices of the peace, and laid the Government file before them, when they agreed that I should write to the different landlords who have property in the Glenveagh locality, requesting their attendance at the court-house at Letterkenny, at 12 o'clock, on Saturday, the 23d instant, for the purpose of considering and replying to the communication from Government, which I shall then place before them. I give you this early intimation, in order that, should you deem fit, you may be pleased to attend the meeting.

I am, &c.

(signed) *T. A. Dillon*, R.M.

Colonel Humfrey.

W. Fenwick, J.P.	J. Stewart, J.P.
Chas. Stewart, J.P.	G. S. Featon, J.P.
A. Hastings, J.P.	J. Chambers, J.P.

Letterkenny, 23 March 1861.

We, the undersigned magistrates usually attending the petty sessions of Church-hill, or having property in the district,—

Having met this day at Letterkenny, to consider a correspondence between John George Adair, Esq., and Government, with refereace to the necessity of protecting force for himself and servants at Gleaveagh, and reference being made to us for allocating the expense on some portion of the district, we have to report our opinion; viz., we consider the number of police now stationed at Glenveagh may be so strengthened from other stations as to be ample for all purposes of protection; and as the outrages complained of have, in our opinion, arisen from causes unconnected with any matter having relation to the adjoining estates (hitherto and now in a state of perfect tranquillity), we consider that the expense of any extra police, if the necessity should arise, should be levied off the Poor Law electoral district of Gartan, comprising the Derryveagh and Gartan property, or the county at large; and, for the causes above stated, we are of opinion that it would be an act of the greatest injustice to levy any part of such expense off any other property in the district.

(signed) *William Fenwick*, Chairman.
B. J. Humfrey, J.P.
Chas. Stewart, J.P.
A. Hastings, J.P.
John Stewart, J.P.
G. Spence Fenton, J.P.
John Chambers, J.P.

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Letterkenny, 23 March 1861.

I PROTEST against the foregoing resolution, unanswered, as some of the facts stated are not correct, as a reference to the county inspector will prove.

William Fenwick, Chairman. (signed) *John G. Adair*, J.P.

S. J. Crookshank, Esq., to the Under Secretary.

Sir, Donegal, 2 April 1861.

I AM advised that should I attend Mr. Adair's evictions without a very large force it will certainly lead to riot, and perhaps loss of life. I had forwarded to the county inspector a requisition for 200 of the constabulary, but from a communication received from him yesterday, I find he can only provide 150 men.

On talking over this matter with some of the magistrates, they are of opinion I should apply for military, and I am certain the attendance of 30 soldiers will have a good effect, and enable me to execute the habere without a breach of the peace. I have therefore to request that one officer and 30 rank and file be ordered to meet me at Lough Barrow, on Monday, the 8th instant, at 12 o'clock, in aid of the civil power. If the party leave Dublin by rail on Friday morning they will reach Strabane at 4 o'clock, wait there that night, march next day to Letterkenny, a distance of 14 Irish miles, rest there Sunday, and meet me and the constabulary early on Monday. As it is likely the force will be employed Monday and Tuesday, and part of Wednesday, I would suggest for your consideration the prudence, if not necessity, of the soldiers being provided with tents, as it will be impossible in a mountain country such as Glenveagh to get for them accommodation for the night; and after remaining some time under arms they could not march back to Letterkenny, nearly 10 Irish miles, and return the next day.

I have to request your immediate and particular attention to this matter, as the eviction of so many persons will cause much and serious excitement.

Please let me hear from you in reply by return of post. Direct, Post-office, Donegal, and after to-morrow evening to Lifford, Strabane.

I remain, &c.

Sir Thomas Larcom, K.C.B. &c. &c. &c. (signed) *Samuel John Crookshank*, Under Sheriff, County Donegal.

The Under Secretary to *S. J. Crookshank*, Esq.

Sir, Dublin Castle, 3 April 1861.

I AM directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d instant, relative to the force required to preserve the public peace, while executing writs of habere on the property of Mr. Adair; and I am desired to acquaint you that steps will be taken to bring together the full number of constabulary (200) which you have called for.

There would, however, be considerable difficulty in moving troops, without tents, &c., and his Excellency prefers the employment of constabulary on the occasion referred to.

I am, &c.

Samuel J. Crookshank, Esq., Under Sheriff, Donegal. (signed) *Thomas A. Larcom.*

T. A. Dillon, Esq., R.M., to the Under Secretary.

County of Donegal, Letterkenny, 11 April 1861.

I HAVE to report, for the information of the Lord Lieutenant, that I attended the sheriff with 200 men of the constabulary, under the command of Sub-Inspectors Henry Corr and Griffen, and we proceeded to Lough Barrow and the lands of

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Derryveagh, the property of John G. Adair, Esq., when the sheriff commenced executing the habere. On the 8th, 9th, and 10th instant, there were 47 families, comprising 244 persons, evicted. There was no breach of the peace, and the people conducted themselves calmly and quietly, and witnessed the most of their houses levelled. Four families were readmitted as tenants until the 1st November next, and six were readmitted as caretakers. Some are about to emigrate, but the most of them say they will go into the workhouse.

(signed) *Theob. A. Dillon*, R.M.

The Under Secretary, Castle, Dublin.

S. J. Crookshank, Esq., to the Under Secretary.

Lifford, 23 April 1861.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of 20th instant, I have to state that I did not retain copies of the requisitions forwarded to me for the attendance of military and constabulary on the Derryveagh evictions, but beg with great respect to refer to my original requisitions to you and the county inspector of constabulary, which are, no doubt, filed in your respective offices. The only document or notice I received was the writ of habere, which was delivered to me on the 19th of March, and was returnable on the 20th of April instant.

For the information of Government I send the following statement of the facts of the case, as far as I was officially engaged in the business.

After I received the writ, I forwarded to the county inspector a requisition for the attendance of three officers and 150 of the constabulary at Lough Barrow on the 8th of April instant, and by the following post I received a reply from him, informing me the force I required would meet me at the time and place mentioned in my requisition. Acting on the advice of the local magistrates of the county, I forwarded a second requisition to the county inspector to augment the number to 200 men, to which he replied that in consequence of a great number of his men being engaged on the census, he could not give me the number I required, and advised an application to Government.

I subsequently had an interview with several local magistrates, to whom I stated what had taken place, and asked their advice, when, taking into consideration the peculiar circumstances of the case, the number of persons to be evicted, and the excitement likely to be attendant thereon, they advised me, as a matter of prudence, to apply for military; and, accordingly, I did apply, through you, for the attendance of one officer and 30 rank and file. In your reply you stated you had laid my letter before his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, who, taking into consideration the difficulty (I would say, the impossibility) of getting accommodation for the force in so very remote and mountainous a district, recommended the duty being performed by the constabulary; and that an order was issued for the number I required. On the 8th of April three officers and 200 of the constabulary met me at Lough Barrow and remained with me that day, as also on the 9th and 10th of April, during which period I was occupied in the several evictions, which I am happy to say were executed without a breach of the peace or any appearance of riot or disturbance whatever.

I remain, &c.

(signed) *Sam. Jno. Crookshank*,
Under Sheriff, County Donegal.

Sir Thomas Larcom, K.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.
Dublin Castle.

Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle,
10 May 1861.

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— No. 2. —

COPY of REQUISITIONS, REPORTS, NOTICES, and CORRESPONDENCE, with reference to a recent EJECTMENT of the LANDS of *Derryveagh*, in the County of *Donegal*.

1.—Copy of Information of Mr. *Adair*.

County of Donegal to Wit.

JOHN G. ADAIR, of Glenveagh, in the county of Donegal, Esq., came before me, Henry Walker Thompson, Esq., Assistant Inspector General of Constabulary, and a justice of the peace for Ireland, and made oath as follows: That informant is about to serve occupiers on the Derryveagh estate, in the county of Donegal, with ejectments, and that he believes the life of the bailiff who will be employed to serve same will be in danger if he is not protected or accompanied by a party of police, and that such notices will be served during the present week.

Sworn before me this 4th day of February, in the year 1861, at the Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle.

(signed) *H. W. Thompson*,
J. P. for Ireland at large.

2.—The Inspector General to the County Inspector.

(Immediate.)

Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle,
4 February 1861.

THE annexed information having been made by Mr. Adair, of Glenveagh, the county inspector will direct such protection to be given to the bailiffs who serve the ejectments as may be required.

(signed) *H. J. Brownrigg*.

3.—The County Inspector to Sub-Inspector *Corr*.

Letterkenny, 8 February 1861.

TRANSMITTED for the information and guidance of Sub-Inspector Corr, who will be pleased to attend Mr. Adair's bailiffs with the disposable force of his district, while engaged in serving the ejectments referred to, previously reporting to the resident magistrate the day this duty is to be performed, and the arrangements he has made, and respectfully requesting his attendance.

(signed) *T. Macmahon*.

4.—The Sub-Inspector to Captain *Considine*, Resident Magistrate.

Letterkenny, 11 February 1861.

I HAVE to inform you that Mr. Adair is to serve ejectments on all the Derryveagh tenants (say about 50 families) some day this or next week, and, as there may be a serious breach of the peace on the occasion, may I request to know if you would attend, by getting due notice of the day, in the absence of Mr. Dillon. I can have 40 men for this duty, or more if you think it necessary. I beg to forward you a copy of an information lodged by Mr. Adair before the Inspector General.

(signed) *John Corr*, S. I.

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5.—The Sub-Inspector, to Captain *Considine*, Resident Magistrate.

Letterkenny, 14 February 1861.

As Mr. Adair's man requires the protection of the constabulary, on Saturday next, while serving notices to quit on all the tenants at Derryveagh, on which I have already communicated with you; may I therefore request your attendance on the occasion, as it is probable some breach of the peace may occur, through the excitement of so many families being about to be evicted. I will attend at eight o'clock a. m. on Saturday, with 40 men, and shall expect your reply.

(signed) *John Corr*, S. I.

6.—Sub-Inspector to Inspector General.

Letterkenny, 17 February 1861.

I HAVE to report, that on yesterday I proceeded to the above-named lands (Derryveagh) with a force of 42 men of the constabulary, and protected Mr. Adair's man while serving about 46 families with ejectment processes, which he succeeded in doing, without the slightest opposition. Mr. Considine, R. M., was also in attendance.

(signed) *John Corr*, S. I.

7.—Constable *M'Lain* to Sub-Inspector.

Glenveagh Cottage, 17 February 1861.

I HAVE to state that Mr. Adair has caused 46 of his tenants to be served with ejectment summonses, from the Court of Common Pleas, on the Derryveagh estate. I understand that those tenants will be evicted in the course of three weeks, if no defence is taken by them against the complaint. I am of opinion that when those tenants are evicted, that they will be driven to desperation against Mr. Adair, and his property, and his Scotch servants. I believe that all have paid their rent up to November last, except one or two; a number of those tenants are in poor circumstances, as some of them are old, and unfit to emigrate to a foreign land; other families are young, and unfit to earn a living by labour. Under these circumstances, I consider the only course open to them is to enter the workhouse as paupers.

(signed) *James M'Lain*, Constable.

8.—Sub-Inspector to Inspector General (forwarding the preceding).

Letterkenny, 19 February 1861.

I BEG to submit this communication, in order that the Inspector General may know how matters stand between Mr. Adair and his tenants at Derryveagh.

(signed) *John Corr*, S. I.

9.—Under Sheriff to County Inspector.

Lifford, 28 March 1861.

Dear Sir,

I HAVE received the writ of habere, issued by Mr. Adair against his tenants, the execution of which will, in my opinion, lead to very unpleasant work.

I had a long conversation on Saturday with General Larcom, who is aware of the business; and he directed the attendance of Mr. Dillon, R. M. I have therefore to request that you will order three officers and 150 of the constabulary to meet me at Loughbarrow on Monday morning, the 8th of April next, at 11 o'clock a. m., to proceed with me thence, in aid of the civil power. The force will likely be required on Monday, Tuesday, and part of Wednesday, and should be prepared accordingly. I hope to be in Letterkenny on the 7th of April, and would like to see

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see you. I hope Mr. Dillon will be there also on same day, as I have written to request he will meet me there. I have fixed Loughbarrow the place of meeting on the suggestion of Mr. Corr, who is well acquainted with the locality.

Yours, &c.
(signed) *S. J. Crookshank.*

10.—County Inspector to Inspector General (forwarding the preceding).

Letterkenny, 29 March 1861.

I BEG to submit the attached requisition from the under sheriff of the county, requiring a force of three officers and 150 men to meet him at Loughbarrow on the 8th of April, to protect him while executing an habere, &c. As the 8th of April is fixed for collecting the census returns, to assemble so large a force, and to prevent that duty from being interrupted, I fear I shall have to draw men from nearly every station in the county.

(signed) *T. Macmahon.*

11.—Inspector General to the Government (forwarding preceding).

SUBMITTED.

(signed) *H. J. Brownrigg.*

12.—Minute of Government to Inspector General.

30 March 1861.

(Immediate.)

UNDER these circumstances the 8th is a peculiarly inconvenient day for the protection of the sheriff. I have written to Mr. Dillon, R. M., and perhaps if it is represented to the sheriff, he will be able to postpone the day.

T. A. L.

13.—Inspector General to County Inspector (forwarding preceding).

Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle,
30 March 1861.

ADVERTING to the Minute of Government on the annexed file, the county inspector is requested to communicate with the sheriff, and, if possible, postpone the day for executing the habere.

(signed) *H. J. Brownrigg.*

14.—Under Sheriff to County Inspector.

Lifford, 30 March 1861.

My dear Sir,

I HAVE had a conversation with several of the magistrates of the county relative to Mr. Adair's habere, the execution of which, I greatly fear, is likely to cause much excitement. I think it is my duty to prevent, by every means in my power, anything like a breach of the peace taking place during the evictions, and which can only be accomplished by having on the ground such a force as must keep down all excitement and prevent trouble; and for this purpose it will be prudent to increase the number of constabulary ordered on this duty from 150 to 200 men, and beg you will make arrangements for having that number (200) to meet me on the 8th of April. In my opinion prevention is always the best cure, and by having a large and overpowering force, I trust we will be able to perform the duty without anything unpleasant taking place. Please direct your reply to me to Donegal, where I hope to be on Monday or Tuesday next.

Yours, &c.
(signed) *Samuel J. Crookshank.*

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15.—Under Sheriff to County Inspector.

My dear Sir, Lifford, 31 March 1861.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication forwarded to me by an express. In reply, I would indeed be most happy to meet your convenience, and postpone the execution of Mr. Adair's habere until after the 22d instant; but, unfortunately, the writ will be out of date on the 20th instant, which prevents my putting off the business; added to this, Mr. Adair presses me to have the writ put into force with as little delay as possible.

Yours, &c.
(signed) *S. J. Crookshank.*

16.—Under Sheriff to County Inspector.

Dear Sir, Lotterkenny, 1 April 1861.

I received yours of yesterday this morning in Stranorlar, and came on here in hopes of meeting you, but was disappointed to find you absent. I am strongly advised not to attempt the execution under a force of 200 men of the constabulary, and, as you cannot, under existing circumstances, give me that number of the local constabulary of the county, I must beg that you will without delay apply to the Inspector General to send down 50 of the constabulary from Dublin, so as to meet the constabulary of the county on the 8th instant, agreeably to my requisition to you. This can easily be done if the men leave Dublin by rail on Friday next. They will arrive at Strabane, same day, at 4 o'clock p.m., remain there that night, and reach Letterkenny the following day; rest in Letterkenny on Sunday, and proceed to Loughbarrow early on Monday. May I request your particular and immediate attention to this matter, as I fear the execution of the habere will lead to great excitement and trouble.

Yours, &c.
(signed) *Sam. J. Crookshank.*

17.—County Inspector to Inspector General (forwarding the two preceding).

(Immediate.)

Letterkenny, 2 April 1861.

On receipt of the foregoing (Inspector General's) Minute of 30th March, I lost no time in communicating to the sub sheriff at Lifford the Minutes of the Government and the Inspector General, at the same time requesting he would be good enough to postpone the execution of the habere until the 22d instant, when the census duty would be completed; and in reply, I received the attached letter of the 31st ultimo. Again, I wrote to him to Stranorlar, where I knew he would be next day, begging a postponement to any day after the 8th instant, otherwise I feared, under the circumstances, the Government would have to place military at his disposal, as it would be difficult to assemble 200 constabulary for three days, &c.; when he came in here, during my absence on duty, and left for me the attached letter of yesterday's day. I send herewith a return exhibiting the force of the county, and how employed. I can calculate on having 150 men available without interrupting the census duty, and leaving the men so engaged for any emergency that may arise in their respective sub-districts. Considering the distance, three days at Derryveagh, on the part of the men there engaged, will involve nearly a week's absence from quarters; about 50 men only can be accommodated at Church-hill and the neighbouring barracks, and the remainder of the force will have to come in here each night, a distance from the scene of about 15 miles. I do not entirely share in the sheriff's apprehensions as to resistance, but of course in all cases of this kind, precautionary measures are advisable; and I should say that one day ought to be sufficient for executing the habere, unless delay is occasioned by prostrating houses.

(signed) *T. Macmahon.*

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18.—Inspector General to Government.

SUBMITTED.

3 April 1861. (signed) *H. J. Brownrigg.*

19.—Mioute of Government to Inspector General.

3 April 1861.

IT will be advisable to supply the full 200 by drafts from the reserve or other counties.

(signed) *T. A. L.*

20.—Inspector General to County Inspector.

(Immediate.) 3 April 1861.

THE county inspector will send two officers, three head constables, and 160 constables and sub-constables.

(signed) *H. J. Brownrigg.*

(Office.) 3 April 1861.

Direct the county inspector of Roscommon to send one head constable and 20 constables and sub-constables to Letterkenny.

Direct the county inspector of Leitrim to send one head constable and 17 constables and sub-constables to Letterkenny.

The above detachments should arrive at Letterkenny on the 7th instant.

(signed) *H. J. Brownrigg.*

21.—Sub-Inspector *Henry* to County Inspector.

Letterkenny, 11 April 1861.

I BEG to report, that in compliance with your order, I proceeded, on the 8th, 9th, and 10th instant, in command of a force of one sub-inspector and 200 men, accompanied by T. A. Dillon, Esq., R. M., to Loughbarrow and Derryveagh, to protect Mr. Crookshank, the sub-sheriff, while executing a writ of habere on the property of Mr. Adair. There were 47 families, comprising 244 persons, evicted. Many of their houses were levelled; there was no breach of the peace; the possession was quietly given up.

I have much pleasure in beiog able to report, that the conduct of the men under my command was excellent, and that they performed this onerous duty with steadiness and alacrity. The detachments from Roscommon and Leitrim respectively, under head-constables Vaughan and Moore, together with a portion of this county force (who were obliged to return to Letterkenny each night, there being no accommodation for them in the county), were dispensed with by the sheriff on the third day, and they left on that morniog for their respective quarters.

(signed) *William Henry.*

22.—County Inspector to Inspector General.

Letterkenny, 11 April 1861.

Submitted.—THE sheriff called on me to express his sense of the exemplary conduct and efficiency of both officers and men while engaged with him on this arduous and harassing duty; he requested me to convey to the Inspector General his approbation in strong terms.

I send the "Londonderry Standard," which contains the first account of the evictions that has yet appeared.

(signed) *T. Macmahon.*

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23.—Sub-Inspector *Corr* to *T. A. Dillon*, Esq., R. M.

Letterkenny, 3 April 1861.

I HAVE to report that Grierson, Mr. Adair's manager, called here to-day, demanding an escort to protect ten men on Saturday next, from Kilmacrenan to Glenveagh Lodge, which he is to bring from another county, to level all the houses at Derryveagh. Those men will certainly cause great excitement in the county, and a serious breach of the peace may take place. Under the circumstances, may I request that you will be pleased to attend here on that day. Grierson will be here on Friday next, to swear an information that the lives of those persons will be in danger if not protected by a large force.

(signed) *John Corr*, S. I.

24.—Sub-Inspector *Corr* to Inspector General.

(Immediate.) Letterkenny, 3 April 1861.

I HAVE to report that Grierson, Mr. Adair's manager, called upon me to-day, to give protection to 10 men on Saturday next, from Kilmacrenan to Glenveagh Lodge, a distance of about 12 miles; those men he is bringing from another county, for the purpose of levelling all the houses at Derryveagh on the 8th instant; and as their appearance will, I am sure, cause great excitement in the county, and perhaps a serious breach of the peace, under the circumstances, I wrote a communication to Mr. Dillon, R. M., a copy of which I attach, requesting his attendance here on that day.

(signed) *John Corr*, S. I.

25.—Inspector General to Government (forwarding preceding).

4 April 1861.

SUBMITTED for instructions.

(signed) *H. J. Brownrigg.*

26.—Minute of Government to Inspector General.

4 April 1861.

As an information is to be lodged before the magistrate, he will act in the exercise of his own discretion, under the existing circumstances, at the time.

(signed) *T. A. L.*

27.—Inspector General to County Inspector.

4 April 1861.

SENT to the County Inspector.

(signed) *H. J. Brownrigg.*

28.—*T. A. Dillon*, Esq., R. M., to Sub Inspector *Corr*.

Donegal, 4 April 1861.

IN reply to your communication of yesterday's date, I have to inform you that I will not be a party to affording those men protection on Saturday, for the following reasons:—The county will be sufficiently excited on Monday, without augmenting it by any previous proceedings; and the force going on Monday will be ample protection, and they can accompany them and let them remain safely at Letterkenny, and it will save the necessity of protection at the Lodge on Saturday night and Sunday. However, should any other magistrate differ in opinion from me, of course he can act otherwise. I shall be at Letterkenny on Friday evening.

(signed) *Theobald A. Dillon*, R. M.

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29.—Sub-Inspector *Corr* to Inspector General.

Letterkenny, 11 April 1861.

THE men referred to came in here under escort from Derryveagh on last night, and left early this morning for Strabane; no breach of the peace occurred.

John Corr, S. I.

30.—Sub-Inspector *Corr* to Inspector General.

Letterkenny, 11 April 1861.

I HAVE to report that in compliance with a requisition received from Mr. Dillon, R.M., dated 9th instant, constable M'Sherry of Churchill Station sent on yesterday morning a constabulary party of 10 men to Derryveagh to protect Adam Grierson, Mr. Adair's manager, while driving and impounding any stock that he might find trespassing on the mountains from which the tenants were evicted.

This duty was performed without any trouble. Grierson lodged an information before Mr. Dillon, that his life would be in danger if he did not get the required protection.

John Corr.

(Copy of Order.)

31.—*T. A. Dillon*, Esq., R. M., to Constable *M'Sherry.*

I DIRECT and empower you, constable M'Sherry, to give Mr. Adam Grierson, agent to Mr. Adair, and his men protection while clearing the mountain of all stock trespassing where the owners are unknown, and protection to the men while impounding those that their owners cannot be found.

Given under my hand this 9th day of April 1861.

Theobald A. Dillon, R.M.

EVICTIONS.

County of Donegal—District of Letterkenny—Sub-District of Church-hill—Barony of Kilmacrenan—Parish of Gartan—Townlands of Derryveagh—Poor Law Union, Letterkenny.

Number of Persons				
Evicted.		Re-admitted into Possession,		
		—	As Tenants	As Caretakers.
Husbands -	37	Husbands -	4	3
Wives - -	35	Wives - -	3	5
Children -	159	Children -	22	17
Other Inmates	13	Other Inmates	2	—
TOTALS - -	244		31	28

Number of houses from which the above were evicted - 46
Number of such houses unroofed or levelled - - - 28
Number of distinct families evicted - - - - 47
Number of distinct families re-admitted as tenants - - 4
Requisition or Warrant—by whom signed - - - Samuel Crookshank, Esq., Sub-Sheriff.

FORCE EMPLOYED.

Military,
Constabulary, 3 Sub-Inspectors, 200 Men.

Was due notice served on the Relieving Officer? and the date? - - - -	Yes, 23 March 1831.
Name and Residence of the Landlord evicting * - -	John G. Adair, Esq., Bellgrove, Ballybrittas.
Nature of legal process, or other authority for evicting	Habere.
Extent in Statute Acres of the whole of the Farms from which the Tenants have been evicted -	11,602
Ditto of the Farms to which any of them have been re-admitted as Tenants - - - - -	1,043
Extent of the largest Farm from which ejected -	2,353
Ditto, smallest - - - - - - - -	2

* If the Property is in Chancery, state so, giving the name of the Proprietor.

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STATEMENT.

Letterkenny, 11 April 1861.

I HAVE to report that on the 8th, 9th, & 10th days of April instant, I proceeded to Derryveagh with the above force (Sub-Inspector Henry in charge), and there protected the Sub-Sheriff while evicting 47 families.

This duty was performed without the slightest opposition.

The most of the poor people must go into the poorhouse; the others emigrate to America.

I have only to add, that four families are re-admitted as tenants until 1st of November next, and six as caretakers,

(signed) *John Corr*,
Second Sub-Inspector.

The Inspector General.

— No. 3. —

COPY of all REQUISITIONS, REPORTS, NOTICES, and CORRESPONDENCE from or to any Relieving Officer, with reference to a recent EJECTMENT of the LANDS of *Derryveagh*, in the County of *Donegal*.

(No. 9082–'61.)

NOTICE.—To be served on the Relieving Officer of the Electoral Division of previous to the execution of Habere, Decree, &c., pursuant to the statute 11th & 12th Vict., cap. 47.

John George Adair and *Thomas Cook French* against *Patrick Bradley*, and others.

WHEREAS there issued forth of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, and under the seal thereof, Her Majesty's writ of *Habere facies possessionem* in this cause, directed to the Sheriff of the county of Donegal, bearing test the 19th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1861, and returnable into said court on the 25th day of April, whereby the said sheriff was commanded that he should deliver to the plaintiff his possession of, and in all that and those townlands of Derryveagh, comprising the townlands of Maghernashanagan, Claggin, Castletown, Wanentown, Altinadague, Ardatur, Shruhangarrow, Staghall, and Ardatur, in the barony of Kilmacrenan and county of Donegal: Now, I, Adam Grierson, of Glenveagh, in the county of Donegal, agent to John George Adair and Thomas Cooke French, the owners of the said lands in the said above-recited writ mentioned, do hereby, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, give you notice that I will, after the expiration of 48 hours after the delivery of this notice, proceed to have said recited writ executed; and I hereby give you notice that the said lands and premises, of which possession is so to be taken as aforesaid, are in the parish of Gartan, barony of Kilmacrenan, and the several townlands above mentioned and electoral division of Gartan, in the county of Donegal.

Dated this 23d day of March 1861.

(signed) *Adam Grierson*,
Agent to the Owners of the said Lands.

To the Relieving Officer of the said
Electoral Division of Gartan.

(signed) *B. Banks*,
Chief Clerk.

Poor Law Commission Office,
Dublin, 26 April 1861.

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DERRYVEAGH EVICTIONS

COPY of all REQUISITIONS, REPORTS, NOTICES, and COMMUNICATIONS, from or to the Sheriff or Sub-sheriff of the County of *Donegal*, and from or to any Resident Magistrate, Officer of Constabulary, or Relieving Officer, and from or to the Chief or Under Secretary for *Ireland*, with reference to a recent EJECTMENT of the LANDS of *Derryveagh* in that County.

(Mr. Scully.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
14 *May* 1861.

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